



2004 FINAL CORN YIELD & PRODUCTION AT NEW RECORD HIGHS

Minnesota’s 2004 CORN production at a record 1.12 billion bushels was up 3 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 7 percent from the previous record high production set in 2002, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. A record yield at 159.0 bushels per acre was up 2 bushels from the previous record high set in 2002.

SOYBEAN production was estimated at 236.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from the November 1 and down 1 percent from last year. The final yield was estimated at 33.5 bushels per acre, which was down 10.0 bushels from the record high in 2002 and up 1.5 bushels from last year. Soybean harvested acres, at 7,050,000 acres, were down 400,000 acres from last year.

SPRING WHEAT production was estimated at 88.6 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain was 1.61 million acres, down 190,000 acres from last year. A yield at 55 bushels per acre was down 3 bushels from the record high of 58 bushels last year.

The SUGARBEET production of 9.8 million tons was down 2 percent from last year’s record of 10 million tons. Yield was estimated at 20.9 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from last year, but down 0.6 ton from the record high of 21.5 set in 2000. Sugarbeet harvested acres were 470,000 acres, down 17,000 from last year.

FORAGE production of 6.7 million tons was up 9 percent from 6.1 million tons last year. Yield was estimated at 3.14 tons per acre, up from 2.70 tons per acre. Forage harvested acres were 2,125,000 acres, down 140,000 from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2003 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2003 YIELD	2004 YIELD	2003 PRODUCTION (000)	2004 PRODUCTION (000)
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MINNESOTA

CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	6,650	7,050	146.0	159.0	970,900	1,120,950
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,450	7,050	32.0	33.5	238,400	236,175
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,800	1,610	58.0	55.0	104,400	88,550
BARLEY (Bu)	170	115	75.0	68.0	12,750	7,820
OATS (Bu)	265	190	71.0	70.0	18,815	13,300
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	487	470	20.6	20.9	10,032	9,823
DRY BEANS 1/	110	100	1,700	1,150	1,870	1,150
CANOLA (Lb)	56	32	1,820	1,500	101,920	48,000
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	54	28	1,650	1,200	89,100	33,600
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	34	25	1,550	920	52,700	23,000
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,375	1,350	3.00	3.50	4,125	4,725
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	650	1.60	1.80	1,120	1,170
ALFALFA HAYLAGE 2/	300	200	5.40	7.20	1,620	1,440
ALL ALFALFA FORAGE 3/	1,525	1,450	3.23	3.75	4,926	5,437

UNITED STATES

CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	70,944	73,632	142.2	160.4	10,089,222	11,807,217
SOYBEANS (Bu)	72,476	73,958	33.9	42.5	2,453,665	3,140,996
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,441	13,174	39.5	43.2	531,402	568,918
BARLEY (Bu)	4,727	4,021	58.9	69.4	278,283	279,253
OATS (Bu)	2,220	1,792	65.0	64.7	144,383	115,935
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,347.8	1,306.7	22.8	22.9	30,710	29,932
DRY BEANS 1/	1,346.9	1,219.3	1,670	1,460	22,492	17,799
CANOLA (Lb)	1,068	828	1,416	1,618	1,512,250	1,339,530
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	1,874	1,424	1,206	1,237	2,259,666	1,761,628
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	323	287	1,256	997	405,560	286,235
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	23,529	21,707	3.24	3.47	76,273	75,383
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,854	40,209	2.04	2.05	81,312	82,391

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt. 2/ Yield & Production (ton) in green weight basis. 3/ Yield & Production (ton) in dry weight basis (13% moisture).